

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)**Meeting Minutes****Friday, February 21, 2003****CalEPA Building****1001 I Street****Sacramento, CA 95814****Attendees:**

Bill Andrews—Department of Education
Phaedra Bota—Department of Boating and Waterways
Vanessa Byrd—Department of Toxic Substances Control
Annie Kohut Frankel—California Coastal Commission
Claudie Kiti—State and Consumer Services Agency
Lisa Kunz—Department of Toxic Substances Control
Karen Manor—Department of Food and Agriculture
Tom Mays—State Water Resources Control Board
Kris McNamara—The Walt Disney Company
Laurie Monserrat—Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Don Peri—Integrated Waste Management Board
Donna Pozzi—State Parks
Barbara Simon—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
Janice Sindoni—The Walt Disney Company
Holly Sheradin—State Water Resources Control Board
Kathleen Strickley—Department of Conservation
Carolyn Tucker—Department of Water Resources
Bobbie Winn—Department of Fish and Game

Guest:

Phil Lafontaine—Department of Education

What's New in Your World?**Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission:**

The Commission has announced its 5th Annual Amateur Photography Competition, with prizes including a two-night stay at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. Photos are sought that depict the coast and its landscapes, resources and uses. The deadline is March 31. Call 800-Coast-4U to request information.

A new brochure explaining the origin and function of the California Coastal Commission has been produced and is available upon request.

The Boating Clean and Green Campaign has created informational signs for marina fuel docks, educating boaters on how to safely fuel up and reduce spills. The signs, which are available upon request to marinas, include the slogan "Fill It, Don't Spill It!"

The purchase of Whale Tail license plates funds the Coastal Commission's public education and grants programs. Plates are now available for motorcycles, using a graphic of a breaching whale that was originally the logo for last year's Coastal Cleanup Day.

Phaedra Bota, Department of Boating and Waterways:

1. Copies of our 2003 Safe & Wise Water Ways calendar from our 10th Annual poster contest are available through the Cal Boating Education Unit to anyone on request. The wonderful art of all 90 finalists can be viewed on our Website (www.dbw.ca.gov) and will be on display in the capitol for National Safe Boating Week, May 17-23, 2003.
2. Cal Boating will host one of two national kick-offs for National Safe Boating Week. The California event will be held in Los Angeles in cooperation with the local marine enforcement details. The National Safe Boating Council will do the media promotion while we arrange for speakers and safety demonstrations. More information as it develops.

Claudie Kiti, State and Consumer Services Agency:

Energy Education Program

Innovative Grants—not available

SEE Program—specific to the Central Valley 11 counties. Program involves participation of several state agencies, departments, consulting firms. Goal is to offer services and grants to up to 55 school districts to facilities, administrative and educational staff in the area of energy conservation and efficiency.

Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources:

1. Creek Week: DWR printed 10,000 bookmarks for this year's celebration on April 4-13.
2. EE Compendium for Communities: electronic files returned to contractor for corrections. DWR will pay for printing 10,000 copies.
3. Attended CABA (California Association of Bilingual Educators) conference in Los Angeles to set up CEEIN exhibit and to work in booth.

Donna Pozzi, State Parks:

1. Working with Digital California Project (DCP) and local schools to deliver state park school programs to classes in remote locations—Ano Nuevo State Reserve, for example.
2. Obtained grant funds (including CIWMB Funds) to purchase materials to support Junior Ranger and Litter-Getter programs, despite budget cuts.
3. Department is undergoing reorganization due to budget cuts.

Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board:

State Water Board approved \$5 million contract for a storm water pollution prevention ad campaign in Los Angeles County. Projects to include creation of a grade 7-12 storm water monitoring program; watershed exhibit; and after school program. Also a \$2.5 million media campaign; Environmental Justice component; partnership and community/stakeholder outreach program. "Tools" created will be offered to other municipalities and school districts statewide.

Supported a \$25,000 EE grant proposal via US EPA to support the development of Project WET facilitator training statewide. The workshops will support the local outreach efforts of municipal and storm water permittees, who are under water board regulatory oversight.

Holly Sheradin, State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Working with the Sacramento Urban Creeks Council on the April 5 Elk Grove Creek Clean Up and the Sacramento Creek Week, April 5-12. www.sacto.ucc.org for details
2. Citizen monitoring training workshops on March 15 and 16 at Henderson Park Club House, Snelling, CA. Anyone interested in watershed monitoring is invited. See www.sacto.swrcb.ca.gov calendar for details.
3. Statewide Coastal Water Monitoring Snapshot is scheduled for May 17. We are providing training to the coastal citizen monitoring groups. Tahoe/Truckee watershed snapshot is scheduled for May 10 and similar workshops are being provided to groups in that area. See www.swrcb.ca.gov citizen monitoring volunteer program website for further information.

Bobbie Winn, Department of Fish and Game:

Conducting workshops on the newest WILD curriculum, High School Guide “Science and Civics: Sustaining Wildlife.” It can also be used for service learning classes.

Workshops at BAEER Faire, Fresno “teach the River Symposium” and San Diego Teachers Conference.

Planning for 2003 American River Salmon Fest Schools Day event. Call for Art Contest entries will go out in March.

Spring WILD Facilitator Training underway—2 in February (one in Cordelia, one in Los Angeles), March in San Diego, and April in Monterey.

Karen Manor, Department of Food and Agriculture:

1. National Agriculture Day, March 19 at the State Capitol
2. CA Grown Campaign Competitive Grants Awards

Approval of Minutes

January Minutes approved.

Discussion Items:

School DEEL Update:

Don Peri presented an overview of the grant programs resulting from SB 373 (Torlakson) now called the School DEEL. The school districts chosen for the Environmental Ambassador Pilot Program are:

- Burbank Unified School District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Fresno Unified School District

- Los Angeles Unified School District—B
- Oak Grove Union School District
- Pacific Union School District
- San Juan Unified School District
- Warner Union School District

The Unified Education Strategy Grant applications are due on February 28. More about them at the next CEEIN meeting!

State Plan Update:

Bill Andrews presented an overview of the current status of the State Plan and the resulting working groups. Anyone who wants to be on one of the five working groups should e-mail their name, phone number, and the specific working group of interest to caeplan@cde.ca.gov.

Environmentality:

Kris McNamara introduced Janice Sindoni, the new Environmentality team member. Janice discussed this year's events, which include the Grand Prize Winner Announcement Luncheon on March 21 from 12-1 at the Department of Food and Agriculture and the May 7-8 events at the Disneyland Resort.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services:

Barbara Simon provided an introduction to the National Wildlife Refuge System and an overview of the educational opportunities. She showed a video, "America's National Wildlife Refuge System."

California Coastal Commission:

Annie Kohut Frankel provided CEEIN Members with the attached calendar of events and EE events for EE outreach. Please send all calendar items to Annie.

CEEIN Meetings—Day and Structure:

Tom Mays suggested that the day and time of the monthly CEEIN meetings be changed to accommodate members who work alternate schedules with Fridays off and to accommodate members who travel by air to the meetings. The consensus is to change the meetings to the third Thursday of the month from 11:00AM to 1:30 PM. Tom will work with the Cal EPA room reservation system to make that change. Claudie Kiti and Karen Manor offered to provide a room for the April 17 CEEIN meeting if a room is not available in the CalEPA Building.

Information on the Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled CEEIN Meeting will be on April 17, hosted by Tom Mays and Holly Sheradin. The March 21 Environmentality luncheon replaces the March meeting.

Submitted by Don Peri